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A Fuel Cell Gas Separator

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of an application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 14, 23 and 24 to read as follows:

4. A gas separator member according to claim 1 wherein the copper-based alloy comprises copper alloyed with up to a maximum of 50 wt%, preferably up to a maximum of or about 20 wt%, of one or more alloying elements selected from the group consisting of Al, Ni, Zn, Sn, Fe, Be, Ag, Au, Mn, Si, P, and Pb.